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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TALLEY ET AL.

Examiner

Sara M Hanne

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 23 objected to because of the following informalities: "at least on element", lines 2-3 of Claim 23 should read "at least one element". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-4, 9-19, and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Crovetto et al., US Patent 6570491.

As per Claims 1, 9, 14, 15, 18 and 22, Crovetto et al. teaches a method comprising using a resource string to retrieve data (directives or commands 37), the data containing a parameter associated with an element of the user interface ("a directive or command template containing the operational parameters corresponding to the selected directive 35", Column 5, lines 62-64), the parameter being integrated into a syntactical structure associated with the data ("the visual syntax builder 3 can cause the formatting of the specified directive or

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command and corresponding operational parameters into a command string 5", Column 4, lines 65-67), replacing the resource string with the retrieved data (Column 5, lines 35-65), obtaining the user interface element (Column 6, lines 11-16), replacing the parameter with the element (Column 6, lines 16-23), and outputting the data (Column 6, lines 24-29).

As per Claims 2, 10, 12, 19 and 23, Crovetto et al. teaches the user interface is a graphical user interface, and the obtaining step involves obtaining a graphical user interface component ("text fields 43, drop down boxes 47 and slider controls 45", Column 6, lines 15-16).

As per Claims 3, 16 and 24, Crovetto et al. teaches the resource string to retrieve the data involves using the resource string as a key to retrieve the data from a database (resource string is a pointer to the location of the data within the database and can be thought of as a key in that respect).

As per Claims 4, 13, 21 and 25, Crovetto et al. teaches obtaining involving creating the user interface element (creates elements from the list, Column 6, lines 1-24).

As per Claim 11, Crovetto et al. teaches the data element is a textual message ("each user interface element 49 can include a label 41 identifying the operational parameter", Column 6, lines 16-17).

As per Claim 17, Crovetto et al. teaches the database remotely located from the computer system (Figure 1 and the claims).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 5-8, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crovetto et al., US Patent 6570491, and further in view of White, III et al., US Patent 6493661.

As per Claims 5 and 20, Crovetto et al. teaches a computer system having a user and a graphical user interface containing a resource string, data containing a parameter associated with a component of the user interface, the parameter being integrated into a syntactical structure associated with the data, replacing the resource string with the data; obtaining the component of the user interface, replacing the parameter with the component, and outputting the data (See rejection of Claim 1 *supra*). While Crovetto et al. teaches this said interface method, they fail to show the locale identification by the resource string as recited in the claims. In the same field of the invention, White, III et al. teaches a user interface with resource strings, and parameters similar to that of Crovetto et al. In addition, White, III et al. further teaches identifying a locale associated with the user or the computer system, using the resource string to retrieve data associated with the user's locale (Figure 1 and corresponding text). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of

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Crovetto et al. and White, III et al. before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the user interface taught by Crovetto et al. to include the locale association of White, III et al., in order to obtain a system for presenting text and GUI components in a language appropriate for the user according to their locale. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because a user-friendly interface would have been obtained, as taught by White, III et al.

As per Claim 6, Crovetto et al. teaches the resource string to retrieve the data involves using the resource string as a key to retrieve the data from a database (resource string is a pointer to the location of the data within the database and can be thought of as a key in that respect).

As per Claim 7, Crovetto et al. teaches creating the user interface element (creates elements from the list, Column 6, lines 1-24).

As per Claim 8, While Crovetto et al. teaches this said interface method, they fail to show the locale identification by the user query and resource string as recited in the claims. In the same field of the invention, White, III et al. teaches a user interface with resource strings, and parameters similar to that of Crovetto et al. In addition, White, III et al. further teaches allowing the user to input a query via an input device, wherein the retrieving step is performed in response to the query ("a user can specify the language in which the user would like text messages to be provided", Column 3, lines 22 et seq.). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Crovetto et al. and White, III et al. before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the

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user interface taught by Crovetto et al. to include the user query locale association of White, III et al., in order to obtain a user input language designated system for presenting text and GUI components according to the user's locale. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because a user-friendly input method interface would have been obtained, as taught by White, III et al.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach similar user interfaces with translatable GUI components and text.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara M Hanne whose telephone number is (703) 305-0703. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30am-4:00pm, off on alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R Herndon can be reached on (703) 308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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